

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: Walker *et al.*  
Application No.: 09/994,810  
Filed: November 27, 2001  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING DEMAND  
INFORMATION AT A VENDING MACHINE

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Group Art Unit: 3621  
Examiner: Cristina O. Sherr

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
to the Non-final Office Action mailed April 6, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-final Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or not entered. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough or double brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).